

**An NRECA Forum on
Sustainable Rural Electrification In Developing
Countries:
Is It Possible?**

NRECA International, Ltd.
March 6-7, 2003

Tentative Agenda

Day One – Thursday, March 6, 2003

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| 9:15 | Registration, coffee and pastries |
| 9:45 | Welcome: Jim Andrew, NRECA Board Member and Past President |
| 10:00 | <p>The Critical Role of Electricity in Rural Development – James Willis, Moderator, NRECA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dimensions of the energy crisis in development today and rural electrification's role in USAID's current strategy</i> – Griffin Thompson, USAID/EGAT• <i>Rural electrification and poverty reduction in Bangladesh</i> – Dr. Abul Barkat, NRECA consultant• <i>Electrification's impacts on rural women in India</i> – Mitali Sen, World Bank consultant |
| 11:45 | <p>Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Guest Speaker: The Honorable Iqbal Hassan Mahmood, State Minister of Power of Bangladesh</p> |
| 1:15 | <p>Challenges in Achieving Sustainable Rural Electrification – David Kittelson, NRECA, Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Common constraints in rural electrification development and practice</i> – Dan Waddle, NRECA• <i>Strategic planning alternatives in rural electrification</i> – Chris Ratnayake, The World Bank• <i>Key factors in designing and implementing successful rural electrification programs</i> – Jim VanCoevering, NRECA |
| 3:00 | Break |

Day One, Continued

- 3:15 Panel: Alternative models and experiences: best practices in rural electrification –**Tom Carter, *USAID*, Moderator**
- **Dan Waddle, *NRECA***, *will discuss the cases of Bangladesh and Chile*
 - **Joy Dunkerly, *the World Bank***, *will discuss the case of Tunisia*
 - **Paul Wolman, *the World Bank***, *will discuss the U.S. model*
 - **Doug Barnes, *the World Bank***, *will discuss lessons learned from these and other case studies.*
- 5:15 Adjournment
- 5:30 – 7:00 Reception

Day Two – Friday, March 7, 2003

- 8:00 Coffee and pastries
- 8:30 Panel: Country Representative Presentations – **Jim Durnil, *NRECA*, Moderator**
- Representatives from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominica, the Dominican Republic the Philippines, Tanzania** will present a brief overview of rural electrification in their countries, challenges and successes.
- 10:00 Where is Rural Electrification Financing Heading in the Era of Power Sector Reform? – **Paul Clark, *NRECA*, Moderator**
- *Financing rural electrification on a shifting power sector landscape, **The World Bank***
 - *Non-utility electrification financing in Guatemala under a private revolving fund – **David Kittelson, *NRECA Guatemala****
 - *The Rural Electrification Financing Corporation in the Philippines – **Kent Wick, *NRECA, Philippines****
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:15 New Directions for a New Age in Global Rural Electrification Development – **Ted Weihe, *OCDC*, Moderator**

- *The non-urban sector in electric utility reform and privatization –*
Denise Leonard, IFC/PSAS
- *USAID's Global Development Alliance initiative –* **Brian Kurtz,**
USAID/GDA
- *Partnering to improve rural electric sector investment performance –*
Paul Clark, NRECA

2:45 Summary and Conclusion – **Jim Durnil, President— NRECA**
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3:00 Forum Adjournment